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FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

January 30, 2004

Dear Colleague:

We invite you to participate in an expert meeting entitled, "*Societies in Transition: The Significance of the International Criminal Court in Justice & Reconciliation*," to take place March 11-12, 2004, at the Church Center for the UN, 777 United Nations Plaza, at the corner of 1st Avenue & 44th Street.

The ICC Prosecutor recently announced his investigation into war crimes in the Congo, and Uganda has referred the Lord's Resistance Army case to the ICC. At this critical juncture in the work of the ICC, your expertise, and that of your organization, will contribute greatly to the development of proposals for future collaboration with the ICC, and to identify partners, issues and lobbying strategies. We shall discuss how the NGO community can assist the Court to stimulate the reconciliation processes in regions where it will be operating, and how faith and ethics-based communities can sustain those processes at the grassroots level. Moreover, we shall consult about the emerging role of the ICC in the context of the lessons learned from international tribunals, special courts, national courts, indigenous courts, and truth commissions.

This meeting is the second of a series of expert meetings that were initiated by the Centre for Justice and Reconciliation in The Hague in September 21 –24, 2003. We encourage you to read the attached report of that expert meeting, where participants reflected upon the processes of truth and reconciliation, as well as the support of victims and of victims' rights within the context of supporting the mission and mandate of the ICC.

We also invite you to a reception on March 11 to commemorate the first year anniversary of the swearing in of the ICC Judges that took place in The Hague.

The meeting agenda is enclosed for your information. The prompt confirmation of your participation will help make this meeting a success.



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Enclosures:

Expert Meeting Draft Agenda, March 11-12, 2004, NYC

Expert Meeting Report, September 21-24, 2003, Centre for Justice and Reconciliation, The Hague (Netherlands)

Press Release, December 10, 2003, Establishment of the Centre for Justice and Reconciliation, The Hague (Netherlands)